

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Bosnia and Herzegovina
Program Title:	Multi-Ethnic Democratic Society
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	168-0210
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2005 Obligation:	\$13,101,000 AEEB
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$3,012,000 AEEB
Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:	\$12,790,000 AEEB
Year of Initial Obligation:	2001
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2010

Summary: USAID's program to develop a more participatory, inclusive democratic society includes training and technical assistance to Improve the Justice Sector/Legal Framework, Strengthening of Democratic Local Government and Decentralization, Democratic National Governance Institutions, Civil Society and Support for Democratic Political Parties, and Media Freedom and Freedom of Information.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2005 Program: Improve Justice Sector/Legal Framework (\$3,400,000 AEEB, \$908,000 AEEB carryover). USAID will increase the knowledge and professionalism of law students, lawyers, prosecutors, and judges; strengthen the management and administrative capacities of key government entities; and improve citizens' access to justice. USAID will assist in reform of court administration, criminal legal defense, administrative law, and legal education. Principal contractors and grantees are: American Bar Association - Central European and Eurasian Law Initiative (prime), East-West Management Institute (prime), Center for Institutional Reform and the Informal Sector (prime), Vasa Prava (sub), Public Interest Law Initiative (sub), and National Judicial College (sub).

Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization (\$3,900,000 AEEB, \$20,000 AEEB carryover). USAID is promoting efficient and transparent local governance through its Governance Accountability Project, co-financed by the Swedish International Cooperation Development Authority. Through technical assistance, USAID will introduce One-Stop Shops into 40 municipalities, making it easier for citizens and businesses to expedite the business registration process. This project will also undertake work on creating equitable and efficient revenue sharing systems. Principal contractor is: Development Alternatives Inc. (prime).

Strengthen Democratic National Governance Institutions (\$1,200,000 AEEB prior year recoveries). USAID will provide technical assistance to improve parliamentary capabilities and legislative drafting abilities, develop policy formation skills, strengthen budgeting and forecasting procedures, and incorporate citizen input into legislation. Principal contractors or grantees are: to be determined (TBD).

Strengthen Democratic Political Parties (\$1,300,000 AEEB, \$440,000 AEEB carryover). USAID will assist with coalition building, the development of party caucuses, promotion of issue-based politics, development of policy analysis organizations, and support for ministries in developing communication strategies. USAID will design a new political party and parliamentary development activity in 2005. Principal grantees are: Association of Election Officials in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) (prime), International Republican Institute (prime), National Democratic Institute (prime), and TBD.

Strengthen Civil Society (\$3,260,000 AEEB, \$394,000 AEEB carryover, \$50,000 AEEB prior year recoveries). USAID will award a grant to an indigenous organization for civic advocacy, coalition building, grass-roots community development, domestic philanthropy, and development of public-

private partnerships. USAID will also support a local non-governmental organization (NGO) to develop conduct and service provision standards for NGOs. USAID continues to support efforts to improve the legislative and tax framework to allow the non-profit sector to develop. Furthermore, USAID supports the development of indigenous policy analysis and is building the capacity of BiH trade unions. Principal contractors and grantees are: International Center for Not-for-Profit Law (prime), Urban Institute (prime), Center for Civil Society Promotion (prime), American Center for International Labor Solidarity (prime), and others to be determined.

Establish and Ensure Media Freedom and Freedom of Information (\$1,241,000 AEEB). USAID will provide training and technical assistance to independent media outlets including newsroom management, business development, independent production, and legal/regulatory issues. USAID supports the development of investigative journalism through the Center for Investigative Journalism, a local non-profit organization. Principal contractors and grantees are: Chemonics (prime), New York University (prime), Media Center Sarajevo (sub), International Center for Journalism (sub), and the Journalism Development Group (sub).

FY 2006 Program: Improve Justice Sector/Legal Framework (\$3,500,000 AEEB). USAID's support for rule of law and justice sector reform will continue with focus on strengthening judicial institutions and ministries, improving court functions, advancing citizens' legal rights, increasing the government's compliance with administrative legislation, and introducing new methodologies within law faculties. Principal contractors and grantees are the same as in FY 2005.

Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization (\$4,000,000 AEEB). USAID will assist in making local governments accountable and able to promote local economic development encouraging the use of public-private partnerships. The principal contractor is: Development Alternatives Inc. (prime).

Strengthen Democratic National Governance Institutions (\$300,000 AEEB). USAID will assist in developing the institutional capacity of the parliaments through procedural reforms and improvements. The goal is to reform the way the parliamentarians carry out lawmaking and oversight duties. Principal contractors or grantees: TBD

Strengthen Democratic Political Parties (\$1,300,000 AEEB). USAID's political party activities in 2006 are dependent on the outcome of the comprehensive assessment in 2005. USAID anticipates providing limited training and technical assistance to political parties in anticipation of the 2006 General Elections. Principal grantees are the same as in FY 2005.

Strengthen Civil Society (\$2,500,000 AEEB). USAID will support local organizations with training, technical assistance, and grant funds. USAID will assist policy research organizations to expand their capacity to provide data and research to legislative bodies. Principal contractors and grantees are the same as in FY 2005.

Establish and Ensure Media Freedom and Freedom of Information (\$1,190,000). USAID will continue providing independent media outlets with training and technical assistance focused on business practices and production techniques. Principal contractors and grantees are the same as in FY 2005.

Performance and Results: In FY 2004, BiH continued to make progress in its democratization efforts. The Federation Constitution amendment allowed for the direct election of mayors. In FY 2004, USAID opened 14 "one-stop shops" within local governments. USAID now supports a total of 25 one-stop shops throughout BiH reducing waiting times for local government services by 70%. Through USAID's Democracy Network, more than 150 NGOs mobilized 35,000 citizens in 47 different advocacy campaigns. USAID's media efforts significantly increased the quantity and quality of locally-produced programs and investigative print stories and led to an increased use of media research in decision-making processes.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Bosnia and Herzegovina

168-0210 Multi-Ethnic Democratic Society	AEEB	DCA
Through September 30, 2003		
Obligations	30,549	1,537
Expenditures	13,852	0
Unliquidated	16,697	1,537
Fiscal Year 2004		
Obligations	15,957	0
Expenditures	13,727	0
Through September 30, 2004		
Obligations	46,506	1,537
Expenditures	27,579	0
Unliquidated	18,927	1,537
Prior Year Unobligated Funds		
Obligations	3,012	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA		
Obligations	13,101	0
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005		
Obligations	16,113	0
Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA		
Obligations	12,790	0
Future Obligations	0	0
Est. Total Cost	75,409	1,537